

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
December 21, 2023

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

02.A. Action: Renew contract with Reading and Language Arts Center dba Brainspring for Fiscal Year 2024 to provide professional development training system based on Orton Gillingham reading methodology [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Reading and Language Arts Center, Inc. dba
 Brainspring
 Troy, Michigan

Scope of Project: The purpose of this contract is to provide professional development geared towards K-12 reading proficiency, to provide both general and special educators with the knowledge base to effectively implement core or supplemental Orton-Gillingham-based instruction in reading, and to assist those educators in determining why some students struggle with reading. Orton-Gillingham based instruction is an approach that is direct, explicit, multisensory, structured, sequential, diagnostic, and a prescriptive way to teach literacy when reading, writing, and spelling does not come easily to individuals. The explicit instruction will provide for new learning followed by guided and independent practice for students with reading difficulty. This professional development will provide a complete understanding of the Orton-Gillingham methodology for teachers as well as the tools and materials necessary to apply it to classroom instruction immediately upon completion of the professional learning. A coaching model may also be implemented for teachers who have received the professional development in the past, and ongoing support via webinars and online materials is available.

This is year two (2) of a five (5) year contract. Renewal of contract shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services from the preceding year's contract and the availability of funds. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employee.

Scope of Contract:

- January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024 \$1,204,700
- Method of Award: Request for Proposal

Funding Source: Federal funds

This item references Goals 1, 2, and 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Orton Gillingham Professional Development Request for Proposals

CONTRACTOR	AWARDED AMOUNT
Year 1	\$1,204,700
Year 2	\$1,204,700
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
TOTAL	\$2,409,400